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National

States, UTs to Implement 'One Nation One Ration Card' by July 31, 2021: Supreme Court Order

The Supreme Court(SC) directed States and Union Territories (UT) to extend the implementation of the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme (ONORC) by July 31, 2021, to ensure food security, cash transfers and other welfare measures for migrant workers under COVID-19.



- The bench of justices Ashok Bhushan and M R Shah mentioned the difficulties faced by 38 crore migrant workers around India, who form one-fourth of the country's population during the second wave of COVID-19 due to lack of ration cards.
- It also directed that the process of registration of the unorganised labourers / migrant workers be completed at the earliest, but not later than December 31, 2021.

Highlights of the SC orders:

i. Hence the SC insisted on the need for the ONORC scheme as it will enable the migrant workers to get ration at the place of their work i.e. in other states where they won't be having a registered ration card.

ii. The SC ordered the State governments to frame schemes to distribute dry ration to migrant workers by July 31, 2021, and ordered the Centre to supply whatever additional quantity of food grains a State is demanding.

About 'One Nation, One Ration Card' (ONORC) scheme:

i. It was started in June 2019 to enable migrant workers and their family members to buy subsidised ration from any fair price shop anywhere in the country under the National Food Security Act(NFSA), 2013.

ii. As of March 2021, 17 states have implemented the scheme, the 4 States/UT (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi & West Bengal) were not yet covered under the

scheme.

iii. ONORC is based on technology that involves details of beneficiaries' ration card, Aadhaar number, and electronic Points of Sale (ePoS).

RIL Signed Strategic Partnership with ADNOC to Build Mega Chemical Projects in UAE

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) signed a strategic partnership with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to establish a mega chemical project in Al Ruwais city, United Arab Emirates(UAE).



This project, a joint venture of ADNOC and ADQ (formerly known as Abu Dhabi Development Holding(ADDH) Co), will be constructed at the TA'ZIZ Industrial Chemical Zone in Ruwais Abu Dhabi, UAE. This is the first investment by Reliance in UAE.

- This agreement enhances the ADNOC's downstream and industry growth plans in line with ADNOC's 2030 strategy.
- Contracts have been awarded for the first stages of development of the TA'ZIZ site.

Features of the partnership:

i. Under this partnership, RIL and ADNOC will construct an integrated plant with a capacity to produce 940000 tonnes of chlor-alkali, 1.1 million tonnes of ethylene dichloride and 360000 tonnes of polyvinyl chloride(PVC).

ii. The partnership utilises the increasing demand for critical industrial raw materials and utilises the strengths of ADNOC and RIL.

iii. This project will manufacture ethylene dichloride(EDC), a key product for the production of PVC in India.

About Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC):

Group CEO– H. E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber

Headquarters– Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE).

**“Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story”
authored by Sundeep Mishra**

Journalist **Sundeep Mishra** authored a new book, **“Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story”**. The book insights on the Gender-identity controversy of popular Indian sprinter Dutee Chand. She is India’s first openly homosexual athlete.

i.The book details the controversy, when Dutee Chand was dropped from the 2014 Commonwealth Games on false gender identity claims, which was later turned to her favour by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

About Dutee Chand:

i.She is the **1st Indian Women to win Gold Medal in a 100 meter global racing event**, when she won the 2019 World Universiade in Naples, Italy.

ii.She is the 3rd Women & 5th Indian to qualify for the 100 meter racing event in Olympics, when she qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics

About Sundeep Misra:

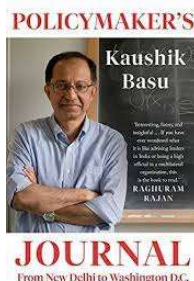
i.SundeepMisra is a Journalist and Author, who has previously authored India’s 1st anthology of sports, “The Best of Indian Sports Writing”

ii.He has also authored 2 books on Hockey – “Forgive Me Amma: The Life and Times of Dhanraj Pillay”, and “The Mohammed of Benares and Other Stories”

**Kaushik Basu Authored a New Book Titled
“Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, DC”**

Indian Economist and Padma Bhushan **Kaushik Basu** has authored a new book titled **“Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, D.C.”**. The book features the journal records of his career of 7 years,

during which he served as the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) to the Indian Government and the Chief Economist at the **World Bank** in Washington D.C.,



The book is published by **Simon & Schuster Publishers India Pvt Ltd.**

About the book:

This book is a revised version of Kaushik Basu’s journal which also features his encounters with world leaders and influencers like Manmohan Singh, Narendra Modi, Barack Obama, Sheikh Hasina, Deepika Padukone among others.

Other Books by Kaushik Basu:

Kaushik Basu has authored more than 20 book which includes,

- An Economist in the Real World: The Art of Policymaking in India
- Prelude to Political Economy: A Study of the Social and Political Foundations of Economics
- Beyond the Invisible Hand: Groundwork for a New Economics

Prakash Javadekar e-inaugurated Asia’s longest & World’s 5th largest HST in Pithampur, Indore (MP)

In the lines of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative, Union Minister Prakash KehavJavadekar, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (MoHI&PE) virtually



inaugurated Asia’s longest and world’s 5th largest 11.3 km **NATRAX (National Automotive Test Tracks) High-Speed Track (HST)** in India’s Pithampur district of Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

- The project NATRAX was built under **NATRiP** (National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project) of MoHI&PE. NATRiP is a 100% Government funded project worth Rs. 3727.30 crore.
- HST will be used for measuring the **maximum speed capabilities** of high-performance two-wheelers, premium luxury cars and heaviest tractor trailers and other categories of vehicles.

Features of NATRAX-HST:

- i. It is an **oval-shaped** test track with four independent lanes each measuring 16 metres wide.
- ii. It has been developed across 1,000 acres and its proving ground covers 2,900 acres.
- iii. It is designed for neutral speeds of **250 kmph** (kilometre per hour) and maximum speeds of up to **375 kmph** on curbs. There is no limit to maximum speed on the straight patch.
- iv. It has **multiple test capabilities** like measurements of maximum speed, acceleration, constant speed fuel consumption, emission tests through real road driving simulation, high-speed handling and stability evaluation during manoeuvre, among others.

Key Points:

- i. With this HST now there is no need to send domestic vehicles and foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) like Volkswagen, FCA, Peugeot, Renault, Lamborghini etc. abroad for testing.
- ii. The track is also open for vehicles from overseas for the testing process.

Goa to host 52nd IFFI from 20th – 28th November 2021

On July 5th 2021, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Prakash Javadekar announced the dates for 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which will be held in Goa from **20th to 28th November, 2021**. He also released the regulation booklet and the poster of 52nd IFFI.



- i. Following the success of 51st IFFI, the Ministry has planned to host this year's event also in the hybrid format.
- ii. 2021 is the 100th Birth anniversary of India's legendary filmmaker "Satyajit Ray", to mark this a Special Retrospective was arranged by the Directorate of Films Festivals at 52nd IFFI.
- iii. A new award – "**Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema**" will

be instituted annually starting from 2021

Note – Satyajit Ray, is the only Indian to receive the "**Academy Honorary Award**" when he received it during 1992 Oscars

About International Film Festival of India (IFFI):

IFFI is India's largest and one of Asia's oldest International Film festival, recognized by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF). IFFI is annually held at **Goa**. **Founded** – 1952

Host – Government of Goa; Directorate of Films Festivals, Ministry of I&B

Central Government creates 'Ministry of Co-operation' to Strengthen Cooperative Movement

The Central Government has created a separate '**Ministry of Co-operation (Sahkarita Mantralaya)**' to provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the **Co-operative Movement in India**. The New Ministry has been carved out from the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Agriculture Welfare.

- The new process will help in realizing the government's vision of '**Sahakar se Samridhi**' (prosperity from cooperation).
- The New Ministry will work to streamline processes for 'Ease of doing businesses for cooperatives and enable development of Multi-State Co-operatives (MSCS).
- The announcement for creation of a separate Ministry for Co-operation was made by Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman during the Budget Session of 2021-22.

Legal Process

The New Ministry has been created through the creation of new rules under 'Government of India (Allocation of Business) Three Hundred and Sixty Second Amendment Rules, 2021' which amends the 'Government of India (Allocation of Business Rules), 1961'.

- The President exercising his powers conferred by Clause (3) of Article 77 of the Constitution approved the amendment.

Google India becomes 1st SSMI to publish Transparency report under New IT rules

Google India became the **1st technology company** which is qualified as ‘Significant Social Media Intermediaries (SSMIs)’ to publish



a **Transparency report** under the new ‘Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021’.

- Transparency report includes details of complaints received from users in India and the action taken across Google’s platform between April 1-30, 2021.
- SSMIs** are technology platforms which have more than 5 million users.

New IT Rules

The ‘Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021’ has been framed in exercise of powers under section 87 (2) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and in supersession of the earlier Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules 2011. It was released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

i.Objective – The rules have been framed after growing concerns about lack of transparency, accountability and rights of users related to digital media.

ii.The new IT rules aim to establish a **soft-touch self-regulatory architecture** and a **Code of Ethics** and **three tier grievance redressal mechanism** for news publishers and OTT Platforms and digital media.

About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Union Minister – Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha – Odisha)

MoS – Rajeev Chandrasekhar (Rajya Sabha – Karnataka)

About Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Union Minister – Anurag Singh Thakur (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)

MoS – L. Murugan

Finance Ministry Scrapped LIC’s Chairman Post; To Have MD & CEO

On July 09, 2021, the **Department of Financial Services (DFS)**, Ministry of Finance, removed the position of **chairman** from the IPO (Initial Public Offer) bound – Life Insurance Corporation of India (**LIC**) and it will have Managing Director (**MD**) and Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**), by making amendments over the LIC Act 1956. It will create CEO post after this (Currently there is no CEO in LIC).



- The MD and CEOs will be appointed by the Central Government under section 4 of the LIC Act 1956.
- Currently, LIC has **MR Kumar** as its chairman and 4 MDs viz, Vipin Anand, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar, and Siddhartha Mohanty.

Other Amendments:

ii.The LIC (Special Allowance for In-House Development of Actuarial Capability) Rules, 2002 to appoint a full-time actuary for LIC was also amended.

- Condition: The designated actuary will have to be a member of the Institute of Actuaries of India or Institute of Actuaries, London, and should be nominated by the CEO or a committee authorised by him.

iii.Rules under pension schemes were also amended to empower the board to take decisions pertaining to it.

IPO of LIC:

i.At the Budget 2021, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the IPO of LIC, to be floated in 2021-22 as a part of the **Rs 1.75 lakh crore** disinvestment target.

PM Modi Received the 1st Copy of the Book “The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji” by Late Baljit Kaur Tulsi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the first copy of the book “The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji” from KTS Tulsi, Member of Parliament (MP) (Rajya Sabha – Chhattisgarh). The book was authored by Late Mrs. Baljit Kaur Tulsi, mother of KTS Tulsi.



- The book was published by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).
- PM Modi also shared the audio of the recital of Gurbani Shabad by KTS Tulsi.

About Guru Gobind Singh:

- Guru Gobind Singh the 10th and last of Sikh Gurus in Human form was born as Gobind Rai at Patna Sahib, Bihar.
- At the age of 9, he was enthroned at the ‘Guru Gaddi’ following the martyrdom of his father Guru Tegh Bahadur, the 9th Sikh Guru.

Bollywood Actress Kareena Kapoor launched her debut book “Kareena Kapoor Khan’s Pregnancy Bible”

Bollywood Actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has launched her debut book titled “Kareena Kapoor Khan’s Pregnancy Bible: The ultimate manual for moms-to-be” which features her experiences and learnings during her pregnancies. The book is published by Juggernaut Books and it is co-authored by Aditi Shah Bhimjyani.



About the book:

- The book is approved by the Federation of Obstetric

and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), India’s official body of gynecologists and obstetricians.

- The book explains the various needs during the pregnancy with the help of experts like Rujuta Diwekar – India’s leading nutrition and exercise science expert, Dr Prabha Chandra of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

About Kareena Kapoor Khan:

- Kareena Kapoor Khan has starred in more than 60 Hindi Films.
- She is one of the highest paid female brand ambassadors in India.
- She has endorsed various brands like Puma, Sony, Head & Shoulders and others.
- She was the first Indian actress to launch her own clothing line in association with retail brand Globus.

Other book:

She has co-authored 3 books, The Style Diary of a Bollywood Diva, Women & the Weight Loss Tamasha and Fashion Guide (Marathi).

A Book on the Rise of Indian-Americans Inspired by Kamala Harris

A group of Indian-Americans, scholars, diplomats and entrepreneurs have come together to write first of its kind an anthology named ‘Kamala Harris and the Rise of Indian Americans’ to document the history of the rise of Indian diaspora’s in the United States (US) and the progress election of Kamala Harris as the Vice President of the US.

- The anthology is compiled and edited by Indian editor, Tarun Basu.
- The anthology combines the stories of the Indian-American community’s experience and the rapid emergence of Indian-Americans in US life. In which, the Scholars, diplomats, entrepreneurs, and others detail their paths to success and perspectives on diasporic progress.
- Kamala Harris is the current vice president of the US. She is the 1st female vice president and the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, as well as the 1st African American and first Asian American vice president.

Note – Anthology is a collection of literary works of different authors compiled together.

US Became the 4th Largest Crude Oil Supplier to India in 2020

As per the 70th edition of BP's report named 'Statistical Review of World Energy 2021', the United States (US) became the 4th largest supplier of crude oil and natural gas to India in 2020.

- Even though the US has started exporting oil to India in 2017, its supply accounted for about 5 percent of India's total imports of 204 million tonnes in 2020.

Top 4 Crude Oil Supplier to India in 2020:

S.No.	Country	Oil Supplied (million tonnes)
1.	Iraq	47
2.	Saudi Arabia	38
3.	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	22
4.	US	10.7

Central Govt reorganized Cabinet Committees; New Names Included

i. After a major reorganization in Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi led union cabinet, the Government has reconstituted the cabinet committees with the inclusion of new ministers.

Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs:

Head– PM Narendra Modi

Members– It comprises 12 members including new members' viz. Union Minister **Smriti Zubin Irani**, Ministry of Women and Child Development; Union

Minister **Bhupender Yadav**, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), and Ministry of Labour and Employment; and Union Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), and Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy)

Static:

There are 8 Cabinet Committees which are basically sub-committees within the Union Cabinet to look at specific issues, including security, economy, and even deciding on dates for Parliament sessions.

Indian Army names firing range in Gulmarg as 'Vidya Balan Firing Range'

Indian Army named a military firing range in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir as "Vidya Balan Firing Range". This comes as a move to honour the veteran Bollywood



actress Vidya Balan, for her varied accomplishments in the field of Cinema & as a woman. Notably, she was the **only actor to join the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences**, the governing body behind the Oscars.

Former Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale authored a new book "The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India"

Vijay Keshav Gokhale former Foreign Secretary of India has authored a new book titled "The Long Game: How the Chinese Negotiate with India". The book is focused on diplomacy and China's method of operations in diplomatic negotiations.

The book is published by **Vintage Books**, a subdivision of Random House, an international publishing group.

About the book:

i. The book examines how China negotiated with India in the past through 6 historical and recent events in the

Indo China relationship.

ii. The book aims to identify the strategy, tactics and tools used by China during its diplomatic negotiations with India.

About Vijay Gokhale:

i. Vijay Keshav Gokhale from Pune, Maharashtra is a 1981-batch IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer (retired).

ii. He has served as the 32nd Foreign secretary of India from January 2018 and retired in January 2020.

iii. He has also served as the High Commissioner of India to Malaysia between 2009 to 2013.

iv. He has served as the Indian Ambassador to Germany from 2013 to 2016 and as Ambassador to China from 2016 to 2017.

v. His **first book** was “Tiananmen Square – The Making of a Protest” published by HarperCollins India in May 2021.

International

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan becomes World's Most Expensive City, Mumbai Ranked 78th: Mercer Survey 2021

According to Mercer's 2021 Cost of Living City Rankings – Ashgabat,

the capital of

Turkmenistan has become the world's **most expensive city for foreign workers**

(Expatriates) followed by Hong Kong, Hong Kong (SAR) & Beirut, Lebanon. Mumbai, Maharashtra was ranked at 78, making it India's most expensive city for expatriates (a fall of 18 places compared to 60th rank in 2020 Mercer Survey).



- The rankings are based on **Mercer's 27th annual Cost of Living Survey**.
- Around 209 cities across 5 continents have been ranked in the survey. New York City, which was ranked 14th on the list, was used as the base city for the survey.

City	Global Rank
Mumbai, Maharashtra	78
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan	1
Hong Kong, Hong Kong (SAR)	2
Beirut, Lebanon	3

IOB Become the 2nd Most-valued Listed PSB; Surpassed PNB, BoB

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has become

the **2nd** most-valued listed Public Sector Bank (PSB) with a market capitalisation (market-cap) of over **~Rs 50,000 crore** by surpassing its peers viz, Punjab National Bank (POB) (3rd) and Bank of Baroda (BOB)(4th).

- IOB's net profit increased by 2 times to Rs 350 crore in Q4FY21 (January-March, 2021) when compared with its net profit of Rs 144 crore in Q4FY20.
- IOB and the Central Bank of India are expected to be privatised at the 1st phase of the government's (govt) privatisation drive – a part of the govt's broader divestment target of Rs 1.75 trillion for FY22.

WHO awarded China a Malaria-Free Certificate

On June 30, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) awarded China a malaria-free certification. This certification recognized



China's 70-year effort to eradicate this disease.

- It reported zero cases for last the 4 years.
- In the 1940s, the country reported 30 million cases of the disease annually.
- China is the first country in the WHO Western Pacific Region to be awarded a malaria-free certification in more than 3 decades. Other countries in the region that have achieved this status include Australia (1981), Singapore (1982) and Brunei Darussalam (1987).

It should be noted that countries that have achieved at least three consecutive years of zero indigenous cases can apply for WHO certification of their malaria-free status.

Bengaluru ranked 6th among Top 10 Established Technology Submarkets in APAC, Beijing topped Colliers Report In accordance with the report by Colliers titled '**Growth engines of innovation: How Asia Pacific's technology hubs are reshaping regional real estate**', Outer Ring road of Bengaluru (Karnataka) has been ranked 6th in the top 10 established technology submarkets in APAC (Asia Pacific) for companies to set up operations.

- The HITEC (Hyderabad Information Technology and Engineering Consultancy) City of Hyderabad (Telangana) ranked grabbed the 10th
- The list has been topped by **Beijing (China)**.

What do these cities offer?

- Balance of infrastructure and talent for occupiers
- Future growth
- Investment opportunities for owners

Key Points:

i. Bengaluru's Whitefield and North Bengaluru are ranked at 3rd and 4th respectively in **top 10 upcoming technology submarkets in APAC**.

- They were followed by Hyderabad's peripheral Business District at 5th place, and Delhi NCR's (National Capital Region) Noida expressway and Golf Course Extension Road (Gurugram) at 7th and 8th
- This list has been topped by Shanghai's **Yangpu**, China.
- ii. Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Shenzhen, Delhi NCR (and Manila (Philippines), are the top markets by property factors i.e. availability of quality space at competitive rentals.
- iii. Other cities developing strengths in specific areas of technology are Seoul (South Korea) and Hong Kong in fintech.

Microsoft Officially Launched 'Windows 11'

Microsoft officially launched its new Windows operating system 'Windows 11' on June 24, 2021. It is being called the "next generation" of Windows.



- The release comes nearly six years after the current latest Windows Operating System 'Windows 10' was launched in July 2015.

Key Points:

- Windows 11 is special because it focuses on a new user interface, a new Windows Store, and improvements to performance, including centre-aligned Taskbar and Start button.
- One of the unique features of Windows 11 is that it will support Android apps via Amazon's app store. It will work better in touch mode as well.
- Windows 11 operating system (OS) will be available as a free upgrade for Windows 10 users in late 2021.
- PCs having Intel's sixth and seventh-generation processors will not be eligible to use Windows 11.

Appointments or Resign/Retired

Uttarakhand CM Tirath Singh Rawat Resigned

Uttarakhand Chief Minister (CM) **Tirath Singh Rawat** of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has submitted his resignation to Baby Rani Maurya, Governor of Uttarakhand. He resigned 4 months after taking charge as the Chief Minister.

The BJP Legislature party has scheduled a meeting at the BJP Headquarters in Uttarakhand to select a new Chief Minister.

Background:

- Tirath Singh Rawat was not an elected member of the legislative assembly (MLA) in the Uttarakhand Assembly while he took over as the Chief Minister, under the Representative of People Act.
- The term of the Uttarakhand assembly expires in March 2022.

About Tirath Singh Rawat:

- Tirath Singh Rawat was a Lok Sabha Member of Parliament representing the Pauri Garhwal constituency of Uttarakhand.
- He replaced Trivendra Singh Rawat as the Chief Minister on 10th March 2021.

About Uttarakhand:

National Park– Corbett National Park, Nanda Devi National Park, Valley of Flowers National Park.

Tiger Reserve– Corbett Tiger Reserve, Rajaji Tiger Reserve

President Ram Nath Kovind Appoints New Governors for 8 States

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed new Governors for 8 States.

- **Article 155 of the Indian Constitution** states that the Governor of a State shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.
- **As per Article 159, The Chief Justice of the concerned State High Court** administers the oath of office to the Governor.

New Appointments & Transfers

State	New Governor	Preceded by
Goa	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai (Currently Governor of Mizoram)	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Tripura	Satyadeo Narain Arya (Currently Governor of Haryana)	Ramesh Bais
Jharkhand	Ramesh Bais (Currently Governor of Tripura)	Droupadi Murmu
Karnataka	Thaawarchand Gehlot (Currently Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment)	Vajubhai Vala

Haryana	Bandaru Dattatraya (Currently Governor of Himachal Pradesh)	Satyadeo Narain Arya
Mizoram	Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Madhya Pradesh	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel	Anandiben Patel
Himachal Pradesh	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Bandaru Dattatraya

IBM president and former Red Hat CEO Jim Whitehurst quits

American multinational technology company International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) has announced that Jim Whitehurst has decided to step down as President of the company, Whitehurst former CEO of Red Hat has played a pivotal role in the \$34 billion IBM and Red Hat integration deal in 2018 and He will continue to work as senior advisor to Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO of IBM.



Overview of Cabinet Reshuffle & Portfolio of New Ministers

On 7th July, 2021, the reshuffle and expansion of the Union Cabinet took place. As many as 43 Ministers (15 Cabinet Ministers, 28 Ministers of State) were sworn in, taking the strength of the Council of Ministers to 77 (78 including Prime Minister).

- Out of 43, 36 were New Faces & 7 Ministers were promoted to the rank of Cabinet Minister.

- As per Article 75 (4) The Ministers were **administered the oath of office and secrecy by President Ram Nath Kovind** at a ceremony held in the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Before the appointment of Ministers, The President accepted the resignation of 12 Ministers.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to directly monitor the Ministry of Science & Technology.

Stefan Lofven re-elected as Prime Minister by Swedish Parliament

Stefan Lofven of the Swedish Social Democratic Party was re-elected as **Prime Minister of Sweden** by the Swedish Parliament in July 2021. This comes a month after the June 11 No-Confidence vote in the Parliament, which led to his resignation after he failed to prove majority in the 349-member legislature.

- Stefan Lofven won the majority in the recent voting by only 2-votes, which requires a minimum of 175 votes to prove majority. The narrow win puts him in a critical position in passing the country's budget.
- Notably, the next Swedish Parliamentary election is set to be conducted in September 2022.
- He serves as the Prime Minister of Sweden, since 2014

About Sweden:

Capital – Stockholm

Currency – Swedish Krona

Parliament Name – Riksdag

5 Countries – Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Iceland together called as 'Scandinavian Countries'

Manu Sawhney resigns from the CEO Post of ICC Manu Sawhney, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) has resigned from his post with immediate effect following the report against his "abrasive behaviour" with his colleagues.



Geoff Allardice will continue as the acting CEO of ICC.

Background:

- In March 2021, Manu Sawhney was sent on leave after the allegations against him emerged during the internal investigation conducted by the audit firm. **PricewaterhouseCoopers**.
- In the absence of Manu Sawhney, Geoff Allardice was appointed as the acting CEO.

About Manu Sawhney:

- Manu Sawhney was appointed as the CEO of ICC in July 2019 for a tenure till 2022.

He took over from **Dave Richardson** after the 2019 ICC Men's World Cup.

- Manu Sawhney has served as the CEO of the Singapore Sports hub and as the Managing Director of ESPN Star Sports.

- He is a non-executive director and a member of the Audit Committee of Manchester United Limited.

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

Chairman– Greg Barclay

CEO– Geoff Allardice (Acting CEO)

Headquarters– Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Satish Agnihotri Appointed as new MD of NHRCL

Satish Agnihotri, retired Indian Railways Service of Engineers (IRSE) officer (1982 batch), has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHRCL). He succeeds **Achal Khare**, the first MD of NHRCL (2017 to 2021).



- He has served as the Chairman and MD of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), schedule A Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways.

- He has also served as the Chairman, High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (HSRC), a fully owned subsidiary of RVNL.

NHSRCL was incorporated on 12th February 2016 with an aim to finance, construct, maintain and manage the high-speed rail corridor in India.

Pawan Singh Becomes 1st Ever Indian juror at Tokyo Olympics

Pawan Singh, Joint Secretary-General of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), has become the **1st ever Indian juror** to be selected to officiate an Olympics Games. The International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) has selected Pawan Singh as a juror to officiate at the upcoming **Tokyo Olympic Games in shooting sports**.

- He has been selected as one of the 4 RTS (Result, Timing, Score) Jury members.
- Other than jury members from Japan (Host country), he is the only jury member in Rifle/pistol discipline from Asian countries.

Worldwide Partner of Olympic Games:

Thums Up, owned by Coca-Cola became the **1st** Indian origin beverage brand to become the worldwide partner of the Olympic Games.



Jury members of Tokyo Olympics:

The Tokyo Olympics will be officiated by a total of 26 jury members.

6 out of the 26 members will be from Japan and the rest will be from other countries.

About Pawan Singh:

i.Pawan Singh is a former rifle shooter and shooting coach for the Indian team.

ii.Pawan Singh has been the competition manager of the ISSF World Cup held in New Delhi in 2017.

Honours/ Awards

3 Delhi Students Won Diana Award 2021 for Their Contribution During COVID-19

Three Delhi students – **Kaif Ali**, student of Jamia Millia Islamia; **Sana Mittar**, from the University of Warwick; and **Devanshi Ranjan**,



from Lady Shri Ram College has won the 2021 Diana Award Roll of Honour for their contribution to society during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Diana Award** is established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and is given out by the charity named – Diana Award, it is supported by her sons, William, the Duke of Cambridge, and Harry, the Duke of Sussex.

Invest India awarded as World's Most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency of 2021

In July 2021, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal and Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar congratulated 'Invest India' for winning the World's Most Innovative Investment Promotion Agency for 2021 by the OCO Global.

i.Invest India has been continuously identifying innovative areas of investment and bringing in sustainable investors to India, despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic

Note- In December 2020, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) declared '**Invest India**' as winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award

About Invest India:

Objective – Promotion of India's National Investment through sector specific targeted development in

partnership with substantial investment promotion agencies and multilateral organizations. Established in **2009**, under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Managing Director & CEO – Deepak Bagla

About OCO Global:

Headquarters – Belfast, Ireland

Founder & CEO – Mark O’Connell

Established – 2001

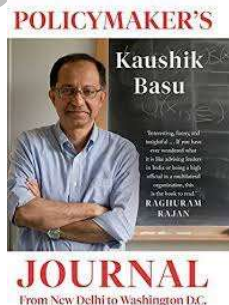
RK Sabharwal awarded “The Order of Polar Star” – Highest Civilian Award of Mongolia

Chairman & Managing Director of Engineers India Ltd. (EIL), **RK Sabharwal**, was awarded the highest civilian award of Mongolia “**The Order of Polar Star**”. He was honoured with the prestigious award for his contribution towards the construction of **Mongolia’s 1st ever Oil Refinery**.

i. The Oil Refinery is constructed by the Mongolian government with the **USD 1 billion Line of Credit** provided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Mongolia in 2019.

Indian Economist Kaushik Basu Gets Humboldt Research Award for Economics for 2021

Indian Economist **Kaushik Basu** has been honoured with the **Humboldt Research Award for Economics for 2021** by the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** based in **Bonn, Germany**. Professor Dr Hans-Bernd Schäfer of Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany nominated Kaushik Basu for this award. Kaushik Basu is set to use this award to do research on moral philosophy and game theory, and on law and



economics.

About Humboldt Research Award:

i. The Humboldt Research Award is sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and annually it is presented to more than 100 recipients.

ii. The award recognises and honours scientists and economists from across the world for their work.

iii. The award carries prize money of **60000 euros**.

About Kaushik Basu:

i. Kaushik Basu is a Professor of Economics and Carl Marks Professor of International Studies at Cornell University.

ii. He has served as the Chief Economic Adviser (**CEA**) to the Government of India (2009 to 2012) and Chief Economist of the World Bank From (2012 to 2016).

- He was the 1st Indian to become the World Bank Chief Economist and 2nd from a developing country.

iii. He has served as the President of the International Economic Association (**IEA**) from 2017 to 2021.

Honours: The Government of India honoured him with the **Padma Bhushan** in **2008** for literature and education.

Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi wins United Kingdoms Commonwealth Points of Light award

Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi (41), a hunger activist

from Hyderabad has been awarded the prestigious Commonwealth Points of Light award by the United Kingdom (UK)



Government. He had launched the #HungerHasNoReligion initiative through his NGO ‘Sani Welfare Foundation’, which has helped to feed over 1,500 people a day.

- The Points of Light award recognizes outstanding individual volunteers – people who are making a change in their community.

Sports

Indian American Abhimanyu Mishra Became the Youngest Chess Grandmaster

Indian American chess player **Abhimanyu Mishra** (12 years 4 months, 25 days old) became the youngest ever Chess Grandmaster after he scored his third Grandmaster (**GM**) norm in Budapest, Hungary. He won the title against 15-year-old Indian chess player Leon Luke Mendonca

- Abhimanyu Mishra broke the record of Grandmaster Sergey Karjakin who held the position for 19 years. He became the youngest grandmaster at the age of 12 years and seven months.

About Abhimanyu Mishra:

- Abhimanyu Mishra scored both his first and second Grandmaster norms at the April Vezerkepzo tournament and the May 2021 First Saturday tournament.
- He scored his 3rd GM norm having crossed the required 2500 Elo rating.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 Shifted to UAE – Oman

The International Cricket Council (**ICC**) has shifted the venue of **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** Tournament from India to United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and **Oman**, due to India's prevailing pandemic situation. The tournament will be hosted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) at 4 venues from 17 October to 14 November 2021.

- ICC Men's T20 World Cup will be participated by **16 teams** and the last T20 World Cup event was won by West Indies in 2016 in India.

Indian Men and Women Hockey teams remain at 4th & 10th in FIH rankings

In the

recent rankings released by the International Hockey Federation (**FIH**), the positions of Indian Men's and Women's Hockey teams remain unaltered at **4th** and **10th** position respectively.

- Australian** Men's team moved up to the top position, while **Netherlands** Women Team remains at the Top position in the World Hockey Rankings.

Mumbai & Pune to host 2022's AFC Women's Asia Cup football tournament

Asian Football Confederation (**AFC**) has changed the host cities of **2022's Women's Asia Cup** tournament from the

previously selected Bhubaneswar &

Ahmedabad to newer

venues at **Mumbai & Pune** both from Maharashtra.

This move was taken by AFC to minimise the travel time and maintain an optimum bio-secure bubble for the players.

- The tournament set to take place from 20th January to 6th February, 2022 will be held at 3 Football Stadiums:

- Andheri Sports Complex – Mumbai
- D Y Patil Stadium – Navi Mumbai
- Chhatrapati Sports Complex – Pune

- The 4 spots for the finals were topped by **India, Japan, Australia, China**. While 28 other teams will compete for the remaining 8 spots.

Other AFC Tournaments:

- Team **Japan** won the 2018 AFC Women's Asian Cup which was held at Amman, Jordan
- Qatar** won the 2019 AFC Asian Cup (Men's) which was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- China** will host 2023's AFC Asian Cup

About Asian Football Confederation (AFC):

Founder – 1954

President – Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa (Bahrain)

Headquarters – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Jabir 1st Indian Male to participate in 400m hurdles in Olympics; Maana Patel 1st ever Indian Female Swimmer at Olympics

Indian Navy's athlete **MP Jabir** will be **1st Indian male athlete to participate in the 400m hurdles** in Olympics when he competes at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. He qualified for the 400m hurdles event after clocking 49.78s to win Gold at the Inter-State Athletics Championships held at Patiala, Punjab.

- Jabir hails from Malappuram, Kerala and is currently ranked 34th in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings, where 40 athletes qualify.
- India's PT Usha had competed in the 400m hurdles at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Maana Patel 1st Indian Female Swimmer at Tokyo Olympics 2020

Maana Patel became the **1st Indian female ever to qualify for the Olympics**. Maana Patel who hails from Ahmedabad, Gujarat will compete in the Women's 100m backstroke event of Tokyo Olympics 2020.

- Along with 2 others, she is the 3rd swimmer to qualify for the Summer Olympics, the other two being Srihari Nataraja (100m Backstroke) and Sajjan Prakash (Men's 200m Butterfly).

Indian Cricketer Mithali Raj Became Leading Scorer in All forms of Women's International Cricket

Indian cricketer and women's ODI Captain **Mithali Raj** (38 years old) became the leading scorer in women's international cricket in all three formats. She overtook former England's



batter **Charlotte Edward's** tally of **10273** runs during the 3rd and final One-Day Internationals (ODI) between England and India held in Worcester, Massachusetts, United States.

- Mithali Raj has scored a total of **10277** runs in 317 matches.
- She is the **only Indian cricketer** and 2nd international cricketer to score more than 10000 runs in Women's International Cricket.

Mithali Raj tops the **ICC ODI women's Batting Rankings** for the 8th time. She achieved the feat for the first time in April 2005.

- She has represented India in more than 200 ODI and has scored 6974 runs.
- She also holds the record of the most runs in Women's ODIs.

Tennis – Overview of Wimbledon Championships 2021

The **134th Edition** (127th staging of the Ladies' Singles Championship event, the 53rd in the Open Era) of Wimbledon Championships 2021 was held at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London, UK from 28th June – 11th July, 2021.

- It is one of the 4 Grand Slam tennis tournaments (others being Australian Open, French Open and the US Open) and takes place in **Grass court**.
- It has been held since 1877. The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (AELTC) & International Tennis Federation (ITF) organized the tournament.
- The 2020 Wimbledon Championships were cancelled due to COVID-19 (1st cancellation of the Tournament since World War II).

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Matteo Berrettini (Italy)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)

Football: Italy wins UEFA EURO 2020

The Italy National Football Team won the 16th Edition of '2020 UEFA European Football Championship (UEFA Euro 2020)' by defeating England on penalties in the finals held at Wembley Stadium, London, UK. This is Italy's 2nd European Championship Title (1st one was in 1968).

UEFA EURO 2020

- For the 1st time, The UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Euro 2020 was held across Europe, with 11 host cities in all. 24 European National Teams participated in the Tournament which took place from 11th June-11th July, 2021.
- UEFA European Championship is a **Quadrennial men's football championship event** (held once in 4 years) organized by UEFA.
- Defending Champions- Portugal

Awards – UEFA EURO 2020

Category	Winner
Alipay Top Scorer Award (Also known as Golden Boot Award)	Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)
Player of the Tournament (Also known as Golden Ball Award)	Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy)
Young Player of the Tournament	Pedro González López (Spain)

About Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)

President – Aleksander Čeferin

Headquarters – Nyon, Switzerland

Vishwanathan Anand finishes 2nd in 2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour

India's Vishwanathan Anand finished 2nd in the **2021 Croatia Grand Chess Tour** Rapid and Blitz tournament held at **Zagreb, Croatia** from July 5-12, 2021. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France finished 1st in the tournament.

- Vachier-Lagrave finished with 23 points (combined of Rapid & Blitz sections) while Anand finished with 21 points.
- Croatia Grand Chess Tour is the 2nd Rapid and Blitz event and the 3rd stop on the 2021 Grand Chess Tour (GCT).
- GCT is a circuit of international events, The inaugural Grand Chess Tour was held in 2015.

FIDE Rankings

According to July rankings of FIDE (International Chess Federation), Norway's Magnus Carlsen is the

World Number -1. Vishwanathan Anand is the top ranked Indian at 15.

- In the Women's section – Hou Yifan (China) is the World Number 1. Koneru Humpy is the highest ranked Indian at Number 3.

Argentina wins Copa America 2021

On 11th July 2021, Argentina won the 2021's Copa America football tournament against Brazil in the finals on a 1-0 victory. The 2021 Copa America tournament was hosted by Brazil and the finals took place at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

i. Argentina under the Captaincy of Lionel Messi won the 1st title for the country after a gap of 28 years. This also makes the 1st major International Trophy for Messi.

ii. The winning goal for the Argentinian side was scored by Angel di Maria.

Note – Qatar is set to host the 2022's FIFA World Cup

Notable Awards:

- Golden Boot (Top Scorer) Award – Lionel Messi
- Golden Ball (Best Player) Award – Lionel Messi (4 Goals & 5 assist in 6-Matches)
- Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) Award – Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)
- Best Player Award – Lionel Messi (Argentina) & Neymar (Brazil)
- Best Player of Final – Angel di Maria (Argentina)

iii. Copa America is the Oldest-running International Football Tournament, contested among the South American nations.

About FIFA:

It is the highest International governing body of the global football association

Established – 1904

Headquarters – Zurich, Switzerland

President – Gianni Infantino

Chris Gayle becomes 1st Cricketer to Score 14,000 runs in T20

West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle popularly known as "Universal Boss" created history by becoming the 1st ever batsman to score 14,000 runs in T20 format. He achieved this feat during the ongoing T20 Internationals between Australia & West Indies. He also holds the record for Highest individual score of 175 runs in T20 format in 2013 Indian Premier League (IPL).

Obituaries

Bollywood Actor Dilip Kumar Passed Away at 98

Veteran Bollywood Actor and Padma Awardee Dilip Kumar, popularly known as the 'Tragedy King of Bollywood', passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was born as Mohammed Yusuf Khan in Peshawar, British India (now in Pakistan) on 11th December 1922.



About Dilip Kumar:

- i. Dilip Kumar debuted as an Actor in the 1944 film "JwarBhata".
- ii. He has starred in more than 65 films which include films like Devdas(1955), Mughal-e-Azam(1960), Ganga Jamuna(1961), Ram AurShyam(1967), NayaDaur(1957), Madhumati(1958), Kranti(1981), Vidhaata(1982), Shakti(1982) and Mashaal(1984).
- iii. He was the inaugural recipient of the Filmfare Best Actor Award (1954), He won the award for his film "Daag" (1953).

Honours:

- i. The government of India honoured him with the **Padma Bhushan** in 1991 and **Padma Vibhushan** in 2015.
- ii. The government of Pakistan honoured him with its highest civilian honour the "**Nishan-e-Imtiaz**" in 1998. He is the only Indian to be honoured with this.
- iii. In 1994, He won the DadasahebPhalke award for his cinematic excellence.

Former CM of Himachal Pradesh & Congress Leader Virbhadra Singh Passed Away

Former Chief Minister(CM) of Himachal Pradesh **Virbhadra Singh** passed away in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. He was born on 23rd June 1934 at Sarahan, Punjab, British India (Now in Himachal Pradesh). He is the sitting Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Arki assembly constituency (Solan District, Himachal Pradesh).

He was popularly known by the honorific '**Raja Sahib**'.

- Virbhadra Singh, a veteran Congress leader, has served as the CM of Himachal Pradesh (6 times) between 1983 to 2017.
- He was also a 9-time MLA and 5-time Member of Parliament(MP).

About Virbhadra Singh:

- i. Virbhadra Singh has served as the President of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee.
- ii. Virbhadra Singh has been elected to the Legislative assembly of Himachal Pradesh in 1983, 1985 from the Jubbal-Kotkhai Assembly Constituency, in 1990, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2007 from the Rohru constituency and in 2012 from the Shimla Rural constituency.
- iii. He was re-elected to the 13th Vidhan Sabha in 2017 from the Arki constituency.
- iv. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1962 and 1967 from Mahasu Constituency (Himachal Pradesh), in 1971, 1980 and 2009 from Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh).
- v. He has served as the Deputy Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Minister of State for Industries (1982 to 1983), Union Minister of Steel (2009 to 2011) and Union Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) (2011- 2012).

Haiti President JovenelMoïse Assassinated at age 53

JovenelMoïse(53 years old), President of the Republic of Haiti was assassinated on 7th July 2021 at his private residence at Pèlerin 5, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He was born on 26th June 1968 in Trou Du Nord, Nord Est, Haiti.



About JovenelMoïse:

- i. JovenelMoïse was an entrepreneur, who has been serving as the president of Haiti since 2017.
- ii. In 2015, Jovenel Moïse was designated as the

presidential candidate of the Haitian Tèt Kale Party (PHTK) by then-President Michel Martelly.

iii. He won the first round of the presidential election in October 2015 which was marred by voter fraud.

iv. He also won the vote which was held again in November 2016, and officially took office on **7th February 2017**.

Yashpal Sharma – 1983 World Cup winning Indian Cricketer passed away

Former Indian Batsman, Yashpal Sharma, who represented India in the 1983 ICC World winning Cricket team passed away due to cardiac arrest on 13th July 2021. He



represented India in 37 Test matches and 42 One-Day Internationals (ODI).

i. He also served as one of the selectors of 2011 ODI World Cup winning Indian Team

ii. Yashpal Sharma was a Key middle order batsman in the 1983 ICC World Cup winning Indian team under the captaincy of Kapil Dev.

iii. In the 1983 tournament, he scored a total of 240 runs in 8 innings with 2 half centuries, to become the 2nd highest run scorer after Kapil Dev.

iv. Made his highest Test score of 140 against England in Chennai.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India

(BCCI):

BCCI is the governing body of Cricket in India, it functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Established – 1928

President – Sourav Ganguly

Important Days with theme

National Doctors Day 2021 – July 1

The National Doctors Day is annually observed across India on **1st July** to recognise the efforts and contributions of the doctor's community to society and the commitment of the doctors towards their profession.



- The day also marks the birth and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who served as the Chief Minister (CM) of West Bengal (WB) from 1948 to 1962.
- The Indian Medical Association (IMA) celebrates National Doctors Day across India.

The headquarters of IMA has declared “**Save the Saviours**” as the **theme** of National Doctors Day 2021.

Event:

- The IMA has organised a special Doctors Day program at the IMA headquarters in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the medical fraternity at the event.

About Indian Medical Association (IMA):

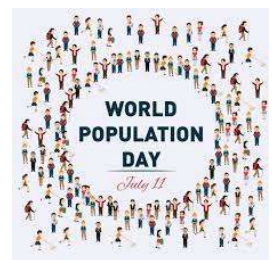
National President – Dr. Rajan Sharma

Headquarters – New Delhi

World Population Day 2021 – 11 July

United Nations (UN)'s **World Population Day** is annually observed across the globe on **11th**

July to create awareness about the urgency and importance of population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human right, and their relations to the environment and development.



Background:

i.The World Population Day was first established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, following the observance of the Day of Five Billion on 11th July 1987, the day when the world's population reached 5 billion.

ii.The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution in December 1990 and decided to continue the observance of the World Population day on 11th July.

iii.The first UN's World Population Day was observed on 11th July 1990.

UP's Population Policy 2021-2030:

i.On the occasion of the World Population Day 2021, Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister(CM) of Uttar Pradesh(UP) inaugurated the Population Policy 2021-2030 for Uttar Pradesh.

ii.Aim: To bring down the gross fertility rate among women to 2.1 by 2026 and to 1.9 by 2030.